

WILSON FINISHES TARIFF MESSAGE

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INSISTS ON REVISION

Advocates Gradual Reduction, So
That Business May Not
Be Disturbed.

BY JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

Washington, March 28.—With the proposed Democratic tariff bill before him, and with the views of the House party leaders still fresh in his mind, President Wilson to-day completed the tariff message which will be submitted to Congress on the convening of the special session which he has called for April 7.

This message concerns only the tariff. It is 1,200 words long, or a little more than a newspaper column. It is not drastic nor revolutionary, but it insists on immediate revision of the tariff and revision downward.

The President will begin recommending that the schedules which have been employed to destroy competition be revised. He will, it is generally believed, make it plain to Congress that he favors a gradual reduction of these schedules. He believes that big cuts would upset business, and this he does not desire.

He will, it is understood, lay stress upon the fact that under our present system of taxation tariff is necessary to meet the expenses of the country. It is his belief that under the present law tariff on many articles is prohibitive. A gradual lowering in these cases, he believes, will not only decrease the cost of living but will result in an actual increase of revenue as it will revive a trade now dead.

The present message, and indeed the calling of the extra session, is due to the conviction of the President that necessities cost more than they ought to in this country, and that the extra cost goes to swell already swollen fortunes.

His studies of the tariff have led him to compare costs in Canada, not a free trade country, and in the United States. Schedules comparable with those of Canada, he thinks, are sufficient for this country. His recommendations to Congress will be along that line.

The message is not going to be specific. It will not recommend free wool, for free coal, nor free sugar. Details of the bill or bills will be left to Congress. Mr. Wilson took the wise precaution to find out what action he was likely to get before he recommended any.

One thought which is uppermost in his mind is that a breach with Congress on a subject which has wrecked many statesmen is easily brought about. To avoid this will be his chief care, and it is certain that the language of the message will not be dictatorial, nor will it hint at any usurpation of the legislative authority.

Whether in getting the bill passed the President will use more powerful arguments is a matter which only he will decide. The message Mr. Wilson will not only Congress that he expects to make supplementary suggestions during the course of the legislation that is to be taken up at the session. He has also made it clear that he may have something to say on the monetary situation later. He however believes that sufficient to the day is the tariff thereof, and a tariff message, and only a tariff message, is the one now ready to be transmitted to Congress.

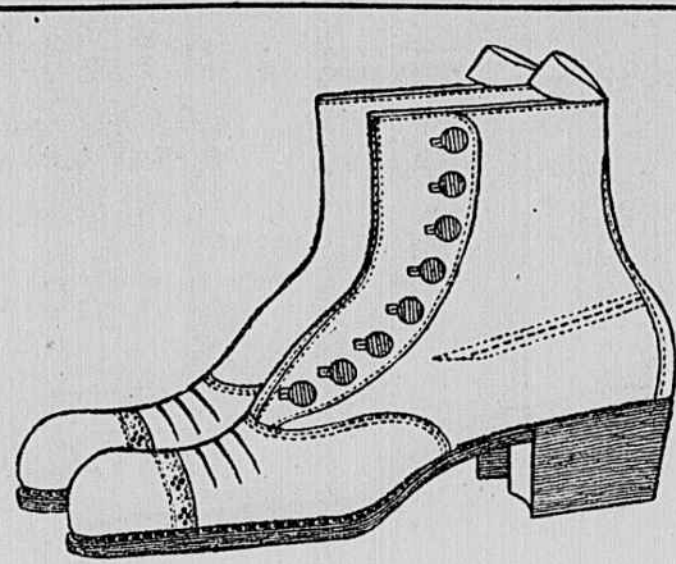
DELAY IN TRIAL OF JUSTICE BROWN

Commonwealth's Attorney Expects to Go On With Hearing To-Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Newport News, Va., March 28.—Owing to the illness of Commonwealth's Attorney C. C. Berkeley, the trial of Police Justice J. D. G. Brown on an indictment charging him with the misuse and misapplication of a fine of \$50.00 collected for the State was halted to-day. Captain Berkeley expects to be able to go on with the hearing to-morrow, and the case will go to the jury in the afternoon, the instructions being argued in the morning and the argument to the jury being made in the afternoon.

This is the second trial of Justice Brown on similar charges, the first trial resulting in his acquittal by a jury last year.

Call for Relief Funds.
Kiesling, Fla., March 28.—Mrs. Gertrude Frisbie, of San Francisco, president of the Women's Relief Corps of the Grand Army, to-day issued a call to thirty-five State departments of the organization for food relief funds. Mrs. Frisbie is visiting here.



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News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,
5 Bollingbrook Street
(Telephone 1485).
Petersburg, Va., March 28.

At a meeting of the real estate dealers last night a permanent organization of the Real Estate Dealers Association of Petersburg was perfected and the following officers were elected: president, H. P. Stratton, vice-president, W. A. Donnan, secretary, W. A. Donnan, treasurer, W. A. Donnan, directors, the above officers and George E. Murrell and W. P. Johnson. A committee consisting of George E. Murrell and S. H. Turner was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the association. Standing committees will be announced later.

PRIMARY ON JUNE 19.

Date Decided on by Democratic City Committee.
The Democratic City Committee, Dr. J. M. Burke chairman, met last night and fixed Thursday, June 19, as the day for holding the primary for the nomination of candidates for the various offices to be filled at the November election. Assessments against candidates to be voted for in the primary were made as follows: for clerk of the courts, city sergeant and city treasurer, \$25 each; for collector of city taxes and commissioner of revenue, \$25 each; for high constable, \$5; for House of Delegates, \$10; for city gauger, \$5; for justices of the peace, \$1. Two justices are to be chosen for each of the six wards. All candidates intending to enter the primary are required to file declaration of the fact and pay their assessments by April 19. There is opposition for every office except those of clerk of the courts, Commonwealth's attorney and member of the House of Delegates.

ELKS TO CELEBRATE.

Petersburg Lodge of Elks is arranging for an elaborate celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the organization of the lodge, which occurs on May 8. The celebration will extend through two days. On the evening of the 8th, the remodeled home of the lodge, on West Taff Street, will be formally opened for inspection, which will include a reception, dancing and refreshments, with music by Kaufman's Band from Richmond, and other features of interest. On the following evening the Elks will celebrate after its own style. The lodge is in prosperous condition, have a large membership and owns one of the most attractive and complete homes in the State.

At 7:30 o'clock last evening, in the parlor of the residence of the officiating minister, the Rev. F. W. Moore, Mrs. Rosa Bozel and Wade Hampton Kay, both of this city, were united in marriage.

Thursday afternoon, in the home of her aunt, Mrs. S. S. Burch, in Richmond, Miss Bessie Lucille Hitecock was married to Most R. Chambers, of Dinwiddie County.

The happy couple went North on their bridal trip.

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FIREMEN AFRAID TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Fear They Will Lose Jobs If They Testify Against Railroads.

New York, March 28.—W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, declared at to-day's hearing of the arbitration board in the Vablor-Astoria that he had difficulty in getting railroad employees to testify because they feared they would lose their jobs if they told the truth.

"One of the witnesses who has testified for the firemen," he asserted, "has been pulled out of service for telling the truth."

But if a fireman should willfully and purposely twist matters, he might be called an account.

Carter also accused the railroads of violating instructions of the Interstate Commerce Commission in preparing their reports, "and when such reports have been made under oath."

He also asserted that the roads did not act fairly in making the arbitration awards to the engineers, because such awards were based upon reports that placed the engineers in a false light.

Lee admitted that some of the engineers had not received the back pay awarded them. Carter stated that many of the engineers had been assessed for fines, and that the statement that the increase in the pay of the engineers amounted to \$10,000,000 was false.

A number of exhibits were presented by the railroads to-day showing that the annual cost of complying with the laws requiring full crews on the fifty-four Eastern railroads will be \$2,632,314.19, and that the Federal sixteen-hour law, telegraphers' nine-hour law, boiler inspection, ashpan and electric headlight laws are costing them \$11,915,316.44 additional annual expense.

The cost of complying with laws requiring safety appliances on locomotives, he said, will be \$18,562,793.49.

COAL SHIPMENTS OVER NEW ROAD

Estimated Average of 20,000,000
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field" District.

Bristol, Va., March 28.—Latest estimates show that the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway, the new coal-carrying railroad, extending from Dante, in Russell County, Va., to Sparlanburg, S. C., hauling an average of about 20,000,000 tons of coal annu-

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